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Moved by: _____

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

Seconded by: _____

Reviewed by: Craig E. Willis

RESOLUTION AWARDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,000.00 TO, HATTILOO THEATRE, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN BURGESS, COMMISSIONER VAN TURNER, COMMISSIONER REGINALD MILTON AND CHAIRMAN TERRY ROLAND.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program Resolution (Agenda Item No. 24) passed on August 1, 2016 (the "CEP Resolution"), the Shelby County Board of Commissioners created a Community Enhancement Program and established policies and guidelines for the appropriation and disbursement of County funds to governmental entities and non-profit civic and charitable organizations meeting certain criteria, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Said CEP Resolution provides that all grant appropriations pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program shall promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and shall only be available to support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that community enhancement grant proceeds must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that such grants shall be approved to specific entities by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That funds from the FY2017 Operating Budget are hereby allocated and awarded to Hattiloo Theatre, Inc. in the amount of \$28,000.00 as a grant listed in Exhibit A hereto for the projects detailed in the attached plan of services for the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said grant proceeds must promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements, and must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer shall prepare and execute a grant contract with the specific entities designated herein within thirty (30) days of the grantee's compliance with the grant awarding conditions set forth in the CEP Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That payment of grant funds shall be made as provided by the CEP Resolution and the grant contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Director of Administration and Finance are hereby authorized to issue their warrant or warrants for all amounts appropriated herein, and to take proper credit in their accounting therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.
Shelby County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____

Exhibit A
Community Enhancement Grants
FY 2017

Per Resolution (Agenda Item No. __) passed _____, 2017

Hattiloo Theatre, Inc.

Grant Agency Hattiloo Theatre, Inc.

Type of Grant Project

Grant Amount \$28,000.00

Sponsor(s)	<u>Commissioner Melvin Burgess</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	<u>Commissioner Van Turner</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
	<u>Commissioner Reginald Milton</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
	<u>Chairman Terry Roland</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

Purpose Hattiloo Theatre is non-profit Black repertory theatre company founded in 2006. They highlight plays written by or about African-Americans. Beyond the stage, they invest heavily in programs that educate and engage the community at-large, regularly staging free, live theatre in marginalized neighborhoods, and free youth programs year-round. Their accelerated development has created an immediate need for the construction of the Hattiloo Theatre Development Center, without which Hattiloo will be unable to realize its full potential. The Center will be a 3,600 square foot annex facility built on the rear plot of its existing property at Overton Square. It will create a permanent hub to operate and refine its education activities; a stable, well-equipped rehearsal environment to support performers and production teams; critical office space as Hattiloo undertakes a three-year redevelopment of its staffing structure; and new potential for earned revenue. Funding procured through the County Commission Community Enhancement Grant program will be used for the Hattiloo Theatre Development Center construction. This will propel Hattiloo to stage higher-quality productions and execute relevant, effective

programs in the diverse community in which we live, thus enriching the collective quality of life for all Shelby County citizens. Actors and production teams will benefit from accessible, appropriately equipped and consistent rehearsal space in order to reach their highest performance potential. This benefit will also apply to the youth program enrollees. Additionally, the youth and adults who enroll in the Hattiloo Theatre School will be offered in-depth, season-long training to adult actors; interdisciplinary arts workshops for youth through year-long participation in Hattiloo' s Children's Theatre; technical theatre internships for high school youth and college undergrads; and affordable public workshops and classes for both adults and youth. The effectiveness of this project will be determined by Hattiloo' s ability to raise sufficient funds for construction without incurring debt, as well as by on-time construction and groundbreaking. There will be a relief of burden on the administrative staff and a noticeable difference in the flow of daily operations.